## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Petition by CD Telecommunications, LLC for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with CenturyTel, Inc., CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, and Spectra Communications, LLC, Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended, and Missouri Law

Case No. XO-2005-0277

## ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 8, 2005

Effective Date: August 8, 2005

CD Telecommunications, LLC, has filed a petition for arbitration of an interconnection agreement with CenturyTel of Missouri LLC and Spectra Communications, Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel. The deadline for the completion of that arbitration was originally June 10, but, acting on a joint motion of the parties, the arbitrator extended that deadline until August 10. On May 27, again acting on a joint motion of the parties, the arbitrator suspended the procedural schedule that had been established for the arbitration to allow the parties an opportunity to engage in further negotiations. The negotiations between the parties have continued, and the parties report that they are very close to finalizing a negotiated interconnection agreement.

On August 5, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Procedural Schedule. That motion indicated that the parties are confident that they can finalize and file a negotiated interconnection agreement by no later than August 24. However, the previously extended deadline for the completion of the arbitration is August 10, and the parties state that they are not confident that the agreement can be filed before August 10. For that reason, they request that the deadline for completion of the arbitration be extended until August 24.

Based on the agreement of the parties, the arbitrator finds that a two-week extension of the deadline for completion of this arbitration is appropriate.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Joint Motion for Extension of Procedural Schedule is granted.
- 2. That the deadline for completion of this arbitration is extended from August 10,

2005, to August 24, 2005.

3. That this order shall become effective on August 8, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 8th day of August, 2005.